

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending.

New Claim 17 specifies that the theoretical instant is related to a presentation time stamp. Support for this claim is found in the specification on page 6, lines 33-35, and in other places.

New Claim 18 specifies that the theoretical instant is calculated in view of the duration it takes to decode processed data. Support for this claim is found in the specification on page 6, lines 35-38, and in other places.

New Claim 19 claims a method claim for displaying subtitle information. The description of subtitle information is given in the specification on page 1, lines 1-34. The detection of such subtitle information is described on page 2, lines 36 to page 3, line 2. The duration of display is defined in the specification on page 5, lines 24-30, and in other places.

New Claim 20 defines the duration for the time of display in view of the length of a subtitle and a memory area. Support for this claim is described in the specification on page 5, lines 31-34, and in other places.

1. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection of Claims 1-2, 6, 9-10, and 14-16

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-2, 6, 9-10, 14, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Greer et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,574,798, hereafter referred to as 'Greer'). Applicant disagrees with this ground of rejection.

Claim 1 claims an element of "the utilization of the processed data having to be triggered at a given theoretical instant." This claimed theoretical instant is neither disclosed nor suggested in Greer.

Greer describes a system for visually displaying slides of visual information in relation to the amount of information contained in each slide (Greer, Abstract). Specifically, Greer describes how to determine the duration of time for which slides are to be displayed (Greer, see Col 1, lines 46-50, Col 2, lines 61-62, and in other places). The description of Greer does not describe when to display such slides, rather Greer only describes for how long such slides are to be displayed.

Claim 1 claims a "theoretical instant" which is the point that data is displayed (see specification, page 6, lines 27-39). Newly added dependent Claims 17 and 18 claims in more detail how such a theoretical instant is calculated. Using the present invention, the theoretical instant between sets of displayed data may be different. In contrast, Greer does not describe this concept of a "theoretical instant". The time for when Greer displays slides is implicitly described as being after each other, the only variation between displayed slides being the duration of time for which each slide is displayed.

Applicant asserts that Claim 1 is patentable for the reasons given above. Applicant requests that the Examiner remove the rejection to this claim. In addition, Applicant requests that the Examiner remove the rejection to Claim 9, for the reasons given for Claim 1, as Claim 9 is the method claim version of device Claim 1. Dependent Claims 2 and 6 and dependent Claims 10 and 14-16 are patentable as they depend of independent Claims 1 and 9, respectively. Applicant requests the removal of the rejection to these claims, as well.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection of Claims 7-8 and 15

The Examiner rejects Claims 7-8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greer in view of Yagasaki et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,847,770). Applicant disagrees with this ground of rejection.

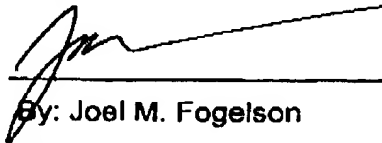
Applicant asserts Claims 7-8 and 15 are patentable for the same

reasons given above in connection with Claims 1 and 9, as Claims 7-8 depends on Claim 1 and Claim 15 depends on Claim 15. Applicant requests that the Examiner remove the rejection to these claims.

It is believed that no fees are owed in connection with this response. Please charge any fees owed in connection with this action to Deposit Account 07-0832.

It is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' attorney at (609) 734-6809, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,



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